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| | 10/764,779 | HELMS ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
| | Allen H. Nguyen | 2625 |

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1. This communication is responsive to 12/17/2009.

2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 5, 7-9, 14, 25 renumbered as 1-7.

3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some* c) None of the:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

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Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

5. Notice of Informal Patent Application

2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.

3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment

4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. Other _____.

/Allen H. Nguyen/
Examiner, Art Unit 2625

/King Y. Poon/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2625

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. Claims 1, 5, 7-9, 14, 25 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the closest prior art of record, Guillemin (US 7,447,764), fails to anticipate or render obvious limitations from independent claim 1 such as "A print auditing network, comprising: a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job; a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer; a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer; a client agent executed in the client to provide a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted from the client to the print server; a print agent executed in the printer to provide a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing by transmitting the header to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory; a print server in data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and a print server agent executed in the print server to provide a third report of the

parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted to the printer".

Regarding claims 5, 7, claims 5, 7 are allowable due to dependence from the respective base claim 1.

Regarding claim 8, the closest prior art of record, Guillemin (US 7,447,764), fails to anticipate or render obvious limitations from independent claim 8 such as "A method for auditing a print job within a network, the method comprising: originating a print job in a client to be printed; associating parametric data with the print job, the parametric data describing the print job; including parametric data in a header associated with the print job; transmitting a first report of the parametric data from the client to a print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the client to the print job aggregator; transmitting the print job from the client to a printer; printing the print job in the printer; transmitting a second report of the parametric data from the printer to the print job aggregator after the print job is printed by the printer by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator; transmitting the print job from the client to a print server that is in data communication with the client; transmitting the print job from the print server to the printer that is in data communication with the print server; and transmitting a third report of the parametric data from the print server to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the

header of the print job from the print server to the print job aggregator; wherein the first report of parametric data, the second report of parametric data, and the third report of parametric data include the same „globally unique identifier”.

Regarding claims 9, 14, claims 9, 14 are allowable due to dependence from the respective base claim 8.

Regarding claim 25, the closest prior art of record, Guillemin (US 7,447,764), fails to anticipate or render obvious limitations from independent claim 25 such as "A print auditing network, comprising: a client that originates a print job for printing, the print job including parametric data associated with the print job, wherein the parametric data is included in a header associated with the print job; a printer in data communication with the client that is employed to print the print job, the print job being transmitted from the client to the printer; a print job aggregator in data communication with the client and the printer; means in the client for providing a first report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job to the print job aggregator before the print job is transmitted from the client to the print server; means in the printer for providing a second report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing by transmitting the header to the print job aggregator after the print job is finished printing, where the print job aggregator stores the first and second reports of the parametric data in a memory; a print server in

data communication with the client, the printer and the print job aggregator; and means in the print server for providing a third report of the parametric data associated with the print job to the print job aggregator by transmitting a copy of the header of the print job from the print server to the print job aggregator; wherein the first report of parametric data, the second report of parametric data, and the third report of parametric data include the same globally unique identifier".

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Allen H. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)270-1229. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM-6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, KING Y. POON can be reached on (571) 272-7440. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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